

NEWPORT NEWS, VA – Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-03), the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations on the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement on today's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order reducing high long-distance calling rates paid by prisoners and their families:

"I am pleased that the FCC has taken actions today that will lower the cost of inmate calls. Phone companies charge exorbitant fees for calls made from prison. Members of Congress have heard from families who have spent thousands of dollars a month for these calls.

"For those who are incarcerated, contact with family has been shown to be a significant factor in the successful re-entry of an offender back into society. The FCC's order will make inmate calls more affordable and therefore make it easier for those who are incarcerated to maintain contact with their loved ones. I commend the FCC on taking this important action."

[Specific details on the FCC order can be viewed here](#) .

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